tonnes in 1990-91 to 3040 tonnes in 1991-92 (upto February, 1992)

Post Offices in Rajasthan

5174. SHRIMATI KRISHNENDRA KAUR (DEEPA): Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of post offices, sub-post offices and head post offices in Rajasthan, at present; and

(b) the district-wise number of new post offices proposed to be opened in the State during the Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE DEPUTY MINISTRY IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The number of post offices, sub-post offices and head post offices in Rjasthan, at present, is as under:

Head Post Office	*Departmental Sub-Post Office*	*Extra Departmental sub-Post Office*	*Extra Departmental brach Post Office*
55	1384	105	8417

(b) Further expansion of postal network in Rajasthan is envisaged during the Eighth Five Year Plan. It is, however, not feasible to give details in this regard as the Eighth Five Year Plan has not been finalised

[*English*]

Defective System of Telephone Connections

5175. SHRI TEJ NARAYAN SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the present one + one system under which telephone connections are being provided is defective;

(b) if so, the merits and demerits vis-a-vis other systems; and

(c) the action taken by the Government to replace the one +one system?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) No, Sir. All the one + one systems are type-tested and approved by the department before they are introduced into the network.

(b) The merits over normal method of giving connections of all the subscriber carrier systems are:-

(i) Better speech.

(ii) Two or more connections can be given over one cable pair. This helps in providing connections quickly in non-feasible areas.

Only demerits over the normal cable pair arrangement is that more maintenance attention is required for the battery at subscriber premises.

(c) The department does not intend to replace these systems. In places where prolonged power failure are met with, the capacity of the battery at the subscribers premises is being increased.

[*Translation*]

Purchasing Vehicles by Delhi Telephones

5176. MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAF